

## ***Price in Blood*** ***Activity Sheet***

Study the chart below and compare the casualties for both sides during the Civil War.

Construct two bar graphs (Union and Confederate) that depict the information.

Sources: The Civil War Centennial Handbook by William Price and Medicine of the Civil War by Paul Steiner

| <b>ENLISTMENTS</b>                 |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>UNION</b> .....                 | 2,893,304 |
| <b>CONFEDERATE</b> (estimate)..... | 1,342,035 |

|                     | <u><b>Union</b></u> | <u><b>Confederate</b></u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Total hit in battle | 385,100             | 320,000                   |
| Battle deaths       | 110,100             | 94,000                    |
| Killed in Action    | 67,100              | 54,000                    |
| Died of Wounds      | 43,000              | 40,000                    |
| Wounded             | 275,000             | 226,000                   |
| Missing in action   | 6,750               | ?                         |
| Captured            | 211,400             | 462,000                   |
| Died in Prison      | 30,200              | 26,000                    |
| Died of Disease     | 224,000             | 60,000                    |
| Other deaths        | 34,800              | ?                         |
| Desertions          | 199,000             | 83,400                    |

### **Questions**

1. What was the total number of those hit in battle? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What percentage of battle deaths were killed in action? \_\_\_\_\_

Union \_\_\_\_\_ Confederate \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many Confederate troops were captured during the war? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this compare with the Union? \_\_\_\_\_

What factors could have contributed to the wide difference? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Compare the difference in death by disease. Which side had the higher percentage of death by disease?

5. How many troops deserted? \_\_\_\_\_ Which side had the higher ratio? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Of the total Union enlistments, what percentage is recorded as missing in action?

Union \_\_\_\_\_ Confederate \_\_\_\_\_

## Illnesses and Doctor's Cures

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| <p>Illness<br/>Cold</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Mix molasses and water.<br/>Drink as much as possible.</p>          | <p>Illness<br/>Cough</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Mix vinegar and salt.<br/>Take one teaspoon several times during the day.</p> |
| <p>Illness<br/>Diarrhea</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Turpentine, castor oil, camphor, pills of mercury and chalk</p> | <p>Illness<br/>Malaria</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Whiskey, quinine, cinnamon, ammonia</p>                                     |
| <p>Illness<br/>Dysentery</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Opium or strychnine</p>  | <p>Illness<br/>Toothache</p> <p>Doctor's Cure<br/>Mix salt and alum and apply to infected area.</p>                         |